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SUBJECT: U.S. NUCLEAR POWERED WARSHIP (NPW) PORT VISITS

REF: (A) BRUSSELS 11154 (DTG 151424Z NOV 76), (B) STATE  
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1. SUMMARY. THIS MESSAGE PROVIDES ADDITIONAL INFORMATION  
ON NPW VISITS TO EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AND ON TOURS OF NUCLEAR  
PROPULSION SPACES REQUESTED BY REFTEL A. END SUMMARY.

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2. IN YOUR DISCUSSIONS WITH GOB AT SUCH TIME AS A FORMAL  
REQUEST FOR A PORT VISIT TO ZEEBRUGGE IS AUTHORIZED TO BE  
MADE, YOU SHOULD ASSURE GOB WE REGARD THE REQUEST AS  
RESUMPTION OF VISITS BY NPW RATHER THAN A NEW INITIATIVE.  
SUSPENSION OF VISITS TO BELGIUM WAS DUE TO LACK OF SUITABLE  
PORT FACILITIES. AS INDICATED REFTEL B, WE BELIEVE FACTLT-  
IES ARE NOW SUITABLE. NPW VISITS ARE MADE REGULARLY

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OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE REGION AS FOR EXAMPLE TO PORTUGAL (MOST RECENT DECEMBER 76), NETHERLANDS (MOST RECENT AUGUST 76), NORWAY (MOST RECENT SEPTEMBER 76), FRG (MOST RECENT OCTOBER 76) AND UK (FREQUENT VISITS BY SSN'S; SURFACE NPW VISITED SEPTEMBER 75).

3. THE LONG STANDING POLICY WITH RESPECT TO VISITS TO NPW BY FOREIGN NATIONALS HAS BEEN TO LIMIT TOURS OF THE NUCLEAR

PROPELLION SPACES TO DIPLOMATIC OR POLITICAL PERSONAGES OF HIGH STANDING WITHIN THEIR GOVERNMENT AND IN ANY CIRCUMSTANCES TO EXCLUDE PERSONS POSSESSING TECHNICAL QUALIFICATIONS WHICH WOULD ENABLE THEM TO LEARN TECHNICAL DETAILS OF THE PROPELLION PLANT. YOU CAN APPRECIATE THAT THESE LIMITATIONS ARE IN THE INTEREST OF SECURITY. REQUESTS FOR TOURS BY APPROPRIATE FOREIGN NATIONALS ARE CONSIDERED ON A CASE BASIS TO WEIGH MERITS OF EACH SITUATION. REQUESTS AND JUSTIFICATION SHOULD BE SUBMITTED IN A TIMELY MANNER TO ALLOW FOR ADEQUATE STAFFING. POLICY AND PROCEDURES FOR VISIT REQUESTS ARE CONTAINED IN PART II CHAPTER 3 REF C, WHICH WE UNDERSTAND YOUR DATT SHOULD HAVE.

4. WHILE THIS POLICY REGARDING NUCLEAR PROPELLION SPACE TOURS IS RESTRICTIVE, WE CAN BE MORE FORTHCOMING IN VISITS NOT INVOLVING DISCLOSURE OF PROPELLION PLANT OR CLASSIFIED INFORMATION. OUR VISITING NPW ROUTINELY PROVIDE IMPRESSIVE TOURS AND DISCUSSIONS WITH HOST GOVERNMENT AND MILITARY CONFIDENTIAL

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PERSONNEL. THIS EXCHANGE IS PARTICULARLY ENHANCED BY CONVENIENCE OF SHIP AT A PIER, SUCH AS ZEEBRUGGE OFFERS.

5. THE IMPORTANCE OF EXPANDING THE NUMBER AND VARIETY OF PORT VISIT OPPORTUNITIES IS OF INCREASING SIGNIFICANCE AS THE NAVY ADDS MORE NUCLEAR SHIPS. YOUR EFFORTS IN BELGIUM WILL MAKE AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO ACHIEVING THIS OBJECTIVE.

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